

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Please amend claims 1-9 and 11-14 as indicated below (material to be inserted is in underline, material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~):

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method of determining ~~for calculating the postage of~~ for a print job, the method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

providing an electronic print job having ~~a set of~~ predefined electronic print job attributes that identify weight-determining factors including at least one of printer technology, ink/toner coverage and ink/toner weight; and

calculating a weight of the electronic print job via a computer using the weight-determining factors; and

calculating a postage for the electronic print job via the computer using the set of predefined electronic print job attributes calculated weight of the electronic print job.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein calculating a the postage for the electronic print job includes ~~calculating a weight for the print job using weight-determining factors from the set of predefined electronic print job attributes and~~ automatically applying a postage rate scale associated with the calculated weight of the electronic print job.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein ~~calculating a~~ postage ~~for the print job further includes~~ the predefined electronic print job attributes further identify size-determining factors for use in determining a parcel size for the

~~electronic print job using size determining factors from the set of predefined electronic print job attributes and applying a, and wherein the postage rate scale is further associated with the determined parcel size.~~

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein ~~calculating a postage for the print job further includes:~~

~~determining the predefined electronic print job attributes further identify a delivery method using the predefined electronic print job attributes and applying a and wherein the postage rate scale is further associated with the determined delivery method; and~~

~~calculating postage from the calculated weight, shipping size, and postage rate scale applied.~~

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~4~~, wherein claim 1, wherein the weight-determining factors further include at least one of ~~are selected from the group consisting of media type, printer technology, number of pages per item mailed, and binding materials.~~

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein the determined delivery method defines a carrier.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein the determined delivery method defines a service type.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~4~~, wherein claim 3, wherein the parcel size is determined automatically using media type, number of pages, and binding materials.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~4~~, wherein claim 3, wherein the parcel size is predetermined by a user.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the calculated postage is forwarded to a print shop to be printed along with the hardcopy.

11. (Currently Amended) A postal calculator comprising a storage medium having a plurality of machine-readable instructions, wherein when the instructions are executed by a computing system, the instructions provide for the steps of:

providing an electronic print job having a set of predefined electronic print job attributes that identifies weight-determining factors including at least one of printer technology, ink/toner coverage and ink/toner weight; and

calculating a weight of the electronic print job using the weight-determining factors; and

calculating a postage for the electronic print job using the set of predefined electronic print job attributes calculated weight of the electronic print job.

12. (Currently Amended) The postal calculator of claim 11, wherein calculating a postage for the print job includes ~~calculating a weight for the print job using weight-determining factors from the set of predefined electronic print job attributes and~~ automatically applying a postage rate scale associated with the calculated weight of the electronic print job.

13. (Currently Amended) The postal calculator of claim 12, wherein the instructions further provide for calculating a postage for the print job further includes determining a parcel size for the print job using size-determining factors from the set of predefined electronic print job attributes ~~and applying a,~~ and wherein the postage rate scale is further associated with the determined parcel size.

14. (Currently Amended) The postal calculator of claim 13, wherein ~~calculating a postage for the print job further includes:~~

the instructions further provide for determining a delivery method using the predefined electronic print job attributes and applying a, and wherein the postage rate scale is further associated with the determined earlier delivery method; and

~~calculating postage from the calculated weight, parcel size, and postage rate scale applied.~~